

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 are pending in the subject application. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled as redundant in view of the amendments to claim 1. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any subject matter affected by the foregoing amendments/cancellation in co-pending or later filed continuation or divisional applications. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 6, and 7 will be before the Examiner for consideration.

Claims 1-3 and 6-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Applicant asserts that the amendments above obviate this rejection. Reconsideration is requested.

All grounds for rejection or objection having been addressed and overcome herein, it is respectfully urged that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that there remain valid grounds on which any of the claims as herein amended may be rejected, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be accorded the courtesy of a telephonic interview to address and overcome any such remaining grounds for rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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